THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) A statement showing statewise number of sugar factories remained closed during the 1996-97 season as per information available upto 30-6-1997 is enclosed.

(b) to (e) The closures could be due to variety of factors, such as inadequate cane availability, size, age and condition of plant and machinery, technical and managerial incompetence, excessively high cane price not commensurate with sales realisation and many other factors. Sugar mills have themselves to prepare scheme for reopening/rehabilitation/modernisation and get them approved by the financial institutions.

Financial assistance is also available from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) at concessional rate of interest for such rehabilitation/modernisation schemes, subject to fulfilment of the conditions laid down.

Statement

State-wise Number of Sugar Factories remained closed during the 1996-97 Season as per information available upto 30.6.1997

Sl. No	States	No. of Factories
1.	Punjab	2
2.	Uttar Pradesh	2
3.	Madhya Pradesh	2
4.	Gujarat	3
5.	Maharashtra	12
6.	Bihar	11
7.	Assam	1
8.	Andhra Pradesh	5
9.	Karnataka	4
10.	Tamil Nadu	1
11.	Kerala	2
12.	Orissa	1
13.	Nagaland	1
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Casualty of BSF

1031. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI :
SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of BSF jawans killed by the extremists in North Eastern States particularly in Manipur during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government so far to prevent the killings of BSF jawans;

(c) the number of BSF jawans killed in Manipur in the third week of May, 1997; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide livelihood to the dependents, family members of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) During 1994, 1995 and 1996 a total of 24 BSF personnel were killed in the North East Region including 2 in Manipur. During 1997 (upto July 23) 11 BSF personnel (all in Manipur) have been killed by the extremists.

(b) Steps taken to prevent killings of BSF jawans include, interalia, reiteration of standard operating procedure, briefing by commanders at all levels, disposal of mines and improvised explosive devices by explosives experts, search of areas before movement of troops and reiteration of prescribed counter-ambush drill.

(c) Eleven.

(d) Steps taken by the Government to provide livelihood to the dependents, family members of the deceased include, interalia, award of liberalised pension, ex-gratia grant of Rs. 2 lakhs, provision of employment in Groups 'C' and 'D' posts upto 5% of the existing vacancies in the BSF, setting up of Re-settlement Directorate for rehabilitation and re-settlement of the widows or next-of-kin of the deceased, encashment of GPF, leave, DCRG benefits under Group Insurance as per admissibility. State Governments of the North Eastern States also sanction additional ex-gratia at varying rates.

Industrial Food Parks

1032. SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state: